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SUBJ: ANNUAL NARCOTICS ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGY PAPER

REF: ISLAMABAD A-119

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY FROM PAKISTAN ANNUAL NARCOTICS
ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGY PAPER BEING POUCHED AS ISLAMABAD
A-119 ON AUGUST 4.

2. BEGIN SUMMARY: PAKISTAN REMAINS A HIGH PRIORITY
TARGET IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL WITH A FEW
NNTBLE SUCCESSES AND MUCH REMAINING TO BE DONE. MEASURED
IN TERMS OF ITS NEAR ZERO START IN NARCOTICS CONTROL
THREE YEARS AGO, PAKISTAN HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE ADVANCEM
HOWEVER. IN TERMS OF WHAT THE EMBASSY BELIEVES COULD
HAVE BEEN DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, THE RESULTS ARE
DISAPPOINTING. IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE IN THE POPPY
LICENSING SYSTEM AND SOME ENFORCEMENT UNITS MADE SIGNIFICANT
SEIZURES DURING THE PAST YEAR AND AND BALANCE OF THIS. LARGE
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AREAS OF ILLIGAL POPPY GROWTH WERE IGNORED OR ARE LEGALLY

INACCESSABLE, THE PAKISTAN NARCOTICS
CONTROL BOARD IS SPECIAL FIELD INVESTIGATIVE UNITS ARE UN-
ORGANIZED AND INEFFECTIVE, NO USEFUL INTELLIGENCE STRUCTURE
HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, MOVEMENT HAS BEEN GLACIAL ON
NARCOTICS RELATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND VITAL
NARCOTICS CONTROL LEGISLATION REMAINS STALLED.

3. US STRATEGY MUST REMAIN TARGETED ON IMPROVEMENT
OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES AND PILOT PROJECTS TO
DEVELOP ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES TO POPPY CULTIVATION. THE
US MUST ALSO BE PREPARED TO ENCOURAGE AND COOPERATE WITH
GOP AND MEDIA EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN OR DEVELOP GOVERNMENT
AND PUBLIC RECOGNITION THAT NARCOTICS CONTROL IS IN
PAKISTAN'S SELF-INTEREST. END SUMMARY. BYROADE

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